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## THE STRIKE SITUATION

### SPECIAL CONSTABLES BEING ENROLLED.

#### CHINESE BANKS CLOSE.

#### LABOUR CONTROL. BUTCHERS' AND BAKERS WANTED.

There has been a very gratifying response to the call for volunteers to enrol their names at the office of the Labour Controller at the City Hall, and when a *Telegraph* representative visited the office this morning there was quite a crowd of men filling in enrolment forms. At the moment only bakers and butchers are in real demand and any who possess baking or butchering abilities should report themselves. A number of men have already been supplied to the Dairy Farm, and as the demand arises there will be a call made on others who have enrolled.

#### SITUATION IN CANTON.

#### SHAMEEN SERVANTS ALL OUT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)  
Shameen, June 22.

There was a great exodus of foreigners from Canton by the s.s. Tung On on Saturday evening. The impression made on the people by this apparent fear of trouble was satisfactory. The Cantonese appreciate the use of common sense.

The servants left their posts on Shameen on Sunday morning and there was not one left by 11 a.m. The servants in foreign employ of the Concession have not left, no pressure having been employed in their case. They are expecting inconvenience to-morrow, when the procession of mourning is due to take place and the city will be paraded by crowds of students with a view to making the most of the Shanghai trouble. Platforms are being erected on the East Parade Ground, where speeches will be delivered.

Shameen is deserted by the Chinese. The Banks only open from 10 a.m. to noon, and everyone is in picnic attire.

The feeling in the city is that the strike will not last long. Money is the great need of the Labor Guilds and of the student bodies. This morning the ringleaders of the strike among students and work people have been canvassing for funds. They have been to all foreign offices off Shameen and have forced the clerks and other employees to pay five per cent. of their pay for June. In several offices this was paid by the principals, so as to keep the staffs at work. The only thanks received was a promise that they would call again next month for a similar contribution!

The sad part about the strike is that the vast majority of the people do not want it. The student body is now discredited in the eyes of all thoughtful citizens.

#### THE SHIPPING POSITION.

#### EFFECT ON OCEAN-GOING VESSELS.

The strike is slowly spreading in regard to ocean-going steamers, although the exact position as yet is one of uncertainty. The Canadian Pacific Steamship officials say in reference to the rumours concerning the Empress of Asia that they are working on the assumption that she will sail according to schedule on Thursday. The Chinese members of the crew have given no indication that they do not intend to again sign on, but none have so far put in an appearance.

The Dollar Steamship Line has considered it advisable to divert the President Cleveland to Manila, allowing her to call at Hongkong on her return journey. The President McKinley will not come South at all. Her voyage will cease at Shanghai.

Other companies are reticent with regard to their vessels, but the Harbour Office reports show that of

eighty-six vessels in Harbour this morning, thirty-nine were British, and of thirteen vessels which cleared yesterday, only the Hydrangea and the Soochow fly the red ensign.

#### CHINESE BANKS CLOSE.

#### "SQUEEZE" BY MONEY-CHANGERS.

One of the most important of to-day's strike developments has been the closing of all the Chinese banks, due to the fact that they experienced something in the nature of a run yesterday. The Bonham Strand establishments, together with the important concerns such as the Bank of Canton, the Bank of China and the Ho Hong Bank, all failed to open their doors this morning, notices being posted outside stating that the banks were temporarily closed owing to the "state of emergency." We understand that it was with the consent of the Hongkong Government, that the closing decision was arrived at.

Of course, the closing of the banks has had a very far-reaching effect, one of them being to bring about the closing of the various share and stock exchanges. To-day should have been Settlement Day and there had been previous arrangements made that the Chinese banks would accommodate clients. About \$2,000,000 was involved in these arrangements, and when the Banks decided to close there was no alternative but to postpone the Settlement Day until such times as there is a normal flow of money. A meeting of the Exchanges was held yesterday when it was decided to postpone the Settlement Day until July 7th. In the meantime, the stock exchanges are closed, no quotations being issued.

The whole of the European banking establishments are working as usual. There has been an attempt to discredit the value of the notes of the various banks. Silver money is generally in abnormal demand by the Chinese and the money-changers in the native part of the city are refusing to give the full value for notes. In some cases only 80 cents are being given for \$1 notes and it is reported that some money changers will not give more than 60 cents. This is sheer "squeeze" for the notes are worth every bit as much as the silver or subsidiary coin equivalent.

#### BANK DEPOSITS.

#### EMBARGO ON WITHDRAWALS.

The run on the native banks has led the Government to issue an order by which withdrawals amounting to over ten per cent. of the deposits are prohibited. To enable extra police pickets to be placed on guard duty at the banks, members of the Defence Corps are being almost exclusively detailed for patrol duty each patrol being placed under the command of a Police Officer.

The regulation regarding Banks is issued to-day in a *Government Gazette Extraordinary*, and is in the following terms:—

The Banks named in the following schedule are prohibited from paying out to any depositor a sum larger than ten per cent. of the amount standing to his credit with them, except under licence from the Colonial Secretary.

Should any such Bank be unwilling to comply with this regulation, it is hereby permitted to suspend business until the regulation is withdrawn:—

The Bank of Canton.  
The Bank of China.  
The Bank of East Asia Ltd.  
The Fu Tien Bank.  
The Ho Hong Bank Ltd.  
The Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd.  
The National Commercial and Savings Bank Ltd.  
The Oriental Commercial Bank Ltd.  
The Yien Yieh Commercial Bank Ltd.  
All native Chinese banks.

#### SEDITIONOUS PAMPHLETS.

#### FOUR MEN SENTENCED.

Two men who were arrested by District Watchmen in the Western district in possession of seditious literature were sentenced to ten months' hard labour each by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Another man, who was a house-boy in the employ of Captain Cook, was given nine months, whilst a fourth man charged before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry received six months, and an order to pay a fine of \$500 or to serve a further term of three months in default of payment. He admitted having in his possession a bundle of seditious pamphlets, and a number of meal tickets issued by the Foreign Service Guild to striking members who are going up to Canton.

#### CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

Practically all foreigners have now left the outlying districts of Canton. Mrs. Graves, who is in charge of a school for blind Chinese girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Lake remain at Tung Shan. At Paak Hok Tung, representatives of the Standard Oil are still on duty.

At the Canton Christian College, children and the majority of the women staff left for Hongkong on Saturday as a food shortage was feared. However, graduation exercises were held in good order. The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by President Henry and diplomas were awarded on Monday morning. General Li Fuk-lum dispatched a special deputy on Saturday to the College, promising full protection, and at a meeting of all the workmen it was resolved not to strike. Domestic servants are still employed at the College.

ADD News Brevities.  
At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the first of the three Chinese arrested for trespassing on Holt's Wharf was discharged by Mr. E. W. Hamilton while the other two were each sentenced to two months' hard labour. The discharged defendant pleaded he had gone on the s.s. Meriones, which was berthed alongside the wharf, to see a relative. The defendant's wife substantiated his story and he was discharged.

General Herbert Bliss, General A. Barker, Senator and Mrs. Pittman passed through the City on the s.s. President Adams.

#### STRIKE ITEMS.

Peak residents are asked to attend a meeting at the Peak Club at 6 p.m. to-morrow. Ladies are particularly requested to be present. In the local stock market, the June settlement has been postponed until July 7th, whilst the exchanges have been closed until further notice.

A correspondent suggests the removal of the Police Reserve, and thinks this a splendid opportunity for the former Chinese members there to show their loyalty and common sense.

At a meeting held in the American Consulate last evening, Mr. A. M. Fletcher expressed thanks for the offer of help and announced that it had been decided that local Americans be employed as civic guards.

Chinese merchants have generally agreed that business for the present be on an entirely cash basis. The sensational rumour current yesterday that Japan had declared war on China have not been confirmed.

Ladies and gentlemen willing to offer their services in V. A. D. and ambulance work are asked to communicate with Mr. E. Ralphs at the Education Office.

A gratifying note in the present situation is that the Chinese fitters and mechanics have decided not to strike.

The Kowloon dairy notices that customers may get their milk supplies at the Empress Store. Cash must be paid and customers provide their own receptacles.

Many Kowloon house boys who had not left work were intimidated last night by means of notices which were placed underneath the back doors.

Tailors employed by European firms have absented themselves.

News from Canton last night shows that the French cruiser Altair reached that place safely at about 2 p.m. yesterday and took up a position off Shameen. It was feared that on account of her length, some difficulty would be experienced in navigating her.

The s.s. Honam at Canton is being used as a store and standby ship. She is now manned by British, American, French and Portuguese sailors while the stores are in charge of the purser from the U. S. S. Ashville. A naval tug arrived from Hongkong at about 3 p.m. and transferred provisions to the Honam.

At Kennedy Town, men from the Surrey Regiment are assisting in the slaughter houses and generally carrying out the work of butchers.

The boys employed in the mess and on other duties at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank left work yesterday.

The Magasin General advertise that they are well stocked in all lines of French provisions which will be sold at the usual prices.

We learn that a special train for the transportation of workers from Hongkong is being operated on the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The strikers are transferred on to this train on leaving the British carriages at Sumchun.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., have been compelled to call upon Shanghai to supplement the emergency staffs, Hongkong, and a number of assistants arrived this morning.

#### MISSIONARIES ARRIVED.

The s.s. Tai Ming, brought a number of missionaries, mainly from the interior, their districts necessary to life strong anti-foreign feelings which exist. Among the Baptist Mission, who the American with a *Telegraph* in an interview, stated that students responsible for the present state of affairs. "So far," Dr. Mewshaw, "Americans are treated with respect, but we feel some little event might happen which would include them in the present unfortunate events."

The doctor stated that at Kweilin, which is situated in the northern part of the Kwangsi Province, and where he has been stationed, the students attacked the compound of the C.M.S. and compelled Mr. Bland, the English missionary in charge, to remain in their custody for a day and a night. The military offered protection when the affair was made known to them, although, in order to save bloodshed, Mr. Bland elected to stay.

His wife insisted upon accompanying him, and, then later released, they both made arrangements to leave for Hongkong.

Dr. Mewshaw, whose party was given an escort of 40 Chinese soldiers further stated that the cry to be heard on every hand was "anti-English" and "anti-Christian." When Dr. Mewshaw left, students were endeavouring to find the Chinese Postmaster who had befriended Mr. Bland, and some apprehension was felt for his official's safety should he be discovered.

#### CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

#### A BRITISH PRESIDENT.

Brussels, June 22.  
The British delegation of the Congress of International Chambers of Commerce has unanimously nominated Mr. Walter Leaf to the Presidency thereof, it being Britain's turn to propose the next President. At a meeting of the transport group of the Chamber, a Japanese resolution demanding uniformity in regulation and transportation of dangerous goods was adopted.—*Reuter*.

#### CHINA UNREST.

#### THE SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

London, June 22.  
In the House of Commons replying to Mr. Hynes, Mr. Chamberlain said that it might be assumed that

the enquiry in Shanghai would cover the questions of the time allowed to elapse between the warning of the crowd and the order to shoot, and the powers possessed by the international authorities in dealing with street processions, but the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking was being instructed to make sure that it did so.—*Reuter*.

London, June 22.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Rennie Smith, Mr. Baldwin rejected the suggestion that a Trade Union delegation be appointed to investigate the industrial conditions in Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

#### THE HANKOW POSITION.

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#### TO OUR READERS.

As must be perfectly obvious to readers of the *Hongkong Telegraph* and the public generally, the strike situation has materially affected newspaper production as it has other spheres of labour in the Colony. This fact explains the attenuated character of this edition. We hope and trust that, during the present situation, we shall be able to produce a sheet somewhat of this style in order to keep the public informed of the more important developments of the strike situation, as well as keep them posted with local and world news.

Under the unusual circumstances prevailing, it has not been found impossible to insert the usual trade advertisements, although we hope to be in a position to publish all notifications of an urgent character. In the meantime, we crave the indulgence of our advertisers and the public generally for any shortcomings which may result from the conditions under which the *Telegraph* is produced.

#### BOXING.

#### BRITISH CHAMPION BEATEN.

London, June 22.  
At Holland Park Hall London, in a twenty-rounds contest for the British and European Lightweight Championship, Harry Mason (European champion) beat Ernie Izzard (British champion) in the ninth round.—*Reuter*.

Abandoning his usual tactics of fighting on retreat, Mason was most aggressive. He forced the fight from the start. Izzard was six inches taller and had longer reach, but he could not keep Mason out. The latter had the better of the opening rounds, but Izzard improved in the fourth and fifth, and there was not much in the next two. In the eighth, Mason floored Izzard with a smashing left to the jaw. There was a terrific uproar, and Mason, thinking Izzard had taken the full count, went to assist him to rise. The referee told them to box on and Mason then attacked fiercely. He floored his staggering opponent several times before the bell sounded. When the bell went for the ninth round Izzard still remained seated at his corner and the referee awarded the fight to Mason.—*Reuter*.

#### CIVIL RESEARCH.

#### COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE.

London, June 22.  
The Committee of Civil Research, mentioned on May 20th, will be presided over by the Prime Minister; and, in his absence, a Minister nominated by him. The Committee will consist of persons summoned by the Premier and will be an advisory body charged with giving centralised attention to the development of economic, scientific and statistical research in relation to civil policy and administration, and will define new areas in which enquiry will be valuable.—*Reuter*.

#### INDIAN GUARD SENTENCED.

#### ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

An Indian guard was sentenced to one month's hard labour, at the Marine Court this morning, for absenting himself from the s.s. Minsang without leave.

The master explained that the man left the vessel on the 9th May, was arrested and returned to the vessel on June 5th. He again deserted on the following day.

The man pleaded guilty and said he had acted very foolishly.

Three boatmasters were charged with being under way without exhibiting regulation lights. A fine of \$15, or two weeks' in default, was imposed in each case.

A general survey of the strike situation to-day reveals no marked change from yesterday. The cargo and coal coolies are still working. Work at the docks and refineries is going on as usual and the ferries are still in operation. A big meeting of Chinese engineers and mechanics was held at West Point last night with the idea of a date being fixed for a strike by this section of Hongkong labour. The precise decision is not known, and the fitters were at work as usual this morning.

Reports from the various district and outlying stations received this morning at Police Headquarters state without exception that conditions are quiet and there have been no disturbances.

A rumour was given wide currency yesterday that two Chinese schoolgirls were murdered for going back to school in Wanchai. Investigations were undertaken by the police, but it was found that there was not a vestige of truth in the report.

#### THE FOOD SITUATION.

#### AMPLE STOCKS: GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

Interviewed by a *Telegraph* representative this morning, the Food Controller, Mr. N. L. Smith, said that the emergency arrangements for the supply of food to Europeans, such as the supply in the Peak district, were working satisfactorily.

As for the supplies to Chinese, the pork butchers had gone on strike yesterday, but his information



## CONSIGNEES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SERVICES CONTRACTED  
DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## S.S. "SI-KIANG."

Consignees of Cargo from Dunkirk, Antwerp, London, &c., also cargo from Havre La Pallice & Cognac ex s.s. "Lieut. de la Tour."

In connection with above steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Tobacco, and Valuable are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. Kowloon where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo may be forwarded on unless intimating is received from the Consignee before Noon Monday, the 22nd instant, requesting it to be landed.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter, Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 29th instant, Noon will be subject to rent and lading charges.

All claims must be sent in to the Underwriter before Tuesday, the 30th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Saturday, the 27th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. L. & Douglas.

No insurance has been effected.  
Hongkong, 21st June 1925.  
R. RODENFELS, Agent.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

## CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's Steamer

## "PATROCLUS"

are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 2nd June.

Optional cargo will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th June will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 13th July or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
22nd June 1925.

## DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE.

## The Steamship.

## "PRE. ADAMS."

having arrived from New York via ports on June, 21st 1925. Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. at Kowloon and stored at Consignee's risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed, and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 27th June 1925 by the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 29th June 1925, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to countersignature immediately.

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE,  
4, Des Voeux Road  
Hongkong, June 20th 1925

## CONSIGNEES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## AMERICAN &amp; MANHURIAN LINE

## From NEW YORK

The Steamship "COLORADO" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 25th June, 1925, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 2nd July 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of one Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE LTD.  
General Agents

THE LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

From MIDLANDS, ANTWERP, LONDON, STRAITS.

having arrived, "CRIE" are hereby informed that all goods being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents,  
Hongkong, 19th June, 1925.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## AMERICAN &amp; ORIENTAL LINE.

## The Steamship.

## "BIRCHBANK."

having arrived, consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

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## NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. Ho Kwong to sign PER PROCUATION as from this date

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FOR SALE.—Godowns 22,000 and 41,000 square feet along side canal HAIPHONG harbour, private wharves. Can be sold separately. Apply RAUZY HAIPHONG.

## NOTICES.

## NOTICE.

## Special Constables.

All those who have previously offered their services in Hongkong as Special Constables are requested to attend at the Magistracy, Central Police Station, between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m. on the 24th and 25th inst. for the purpose of being sworn in.

## BY ORDER.

## PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of all Peak Residents whether Members of the Association or not will be held at the Peak Club on Wednesday, 24th June, at 6 p.m.

Ladies are cordially invited to attend.  
E. B. C. HORNELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, June 23, 1925.

## NOTICE.

## THE SHARE &amp; REAL ESTATE BROKERS SOCIETY OF HONGKONG.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, June settlement day which ought to have taken place to-day (23rd June, 1925), has been postponed until further notice.

By Order of the Committee.  
M. FERNANDEZ,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, June 23, 1925.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Stock Exchange is closed from this date and that the June Settlement is postponed until Tuesday, 7th July, 1925.

By Order of the Committee.  
A. NISSIM,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, June 23, 1925.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in the office of the undersigned Rolan moved to No. 90, Queen's to mutual. Any communication dress be addressed at this address.

YUE LEE,  
27, Jervois Street.

## TICE.

We beg to inform our customers that we are of our customers lines of French stockings, ready to eat (cold or hot), and as they know, and at the best as prices.

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## KOWLOON DAIRY.

Customers can get their supply of milk at Empress Store, Kowloon. Cash must be paid and own receptacles used.

KOWLOON DAIRY.  
Kowloon, June 23, 1925.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Undersigned will not be responsible for Debts contracted in his name by any person other than himself.

ED. D. SHANK.  
Hongkong, 12th, June 1925.

## PREMISES TO LET.

OFFICES, Second floor, China Building, will subdivide to suit tenants. Inspection any time during business hours. Apply The Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving & Construction Co., Ltd. 2nd Floor, Powell's Building.

GODOWN TO LET, in Alexandra Buildings. Apply Secretary, A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

TO LET.—One European flat, Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32 Kennedy Road.

TO LET.—Spacious suite of Offices 2nd floor, Chartered Bank Building (left). Apply to Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

TO LET.—Furnished flat, August, No. 2, Felix Willes, Polkfield, European Bath, etc. Moderate Rental. Apply Box 1351 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

TO LET.—2 newly constructed 3-storied semi-detached houses with garages attached situated on Inland Lot 2365 Stubbs Road marked by sign-board of Shun Shing Contractor just a little above Morrison's Road. Occupation about June 1st. Apply Sang Koo, New Bank Building.

## A RENTS ORDINANCE DECISION.

## A LESSEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

An interesting Rents Ordinance decision was given in the Summary Court yesterday by Mr. Justice Wood. The case was one in which Chan Yan sued Ng Man-sum for the possession of a domestic tenement, urging that owing to the fact that a person residing at the premises had been convicted for using them for an illegal purpose, they were not therefore protected by the Rents Ordinance.

In delivering judgment, His Honour said in this case the plaintiff was the lessor and the defendant the lessee of a domestic tenement. A valid notice to quit was served upon the defendant and plaintiff claimed possession. Plaintiff claimed that defendant was outside the protection of the Rents Ordinance because, prior to the service of the notice, a resident on the premises had been convicted for using the premises for an illegal purpose. The person convicted was a sub-tenant of the defendant, and it was agreed that the only point for decision in the case was whether being a sub-tenant, he was also "a person residing with" the tenant.

In his opinion, the words "a person residing with him" in section 4 (1) (c) of the Ordinance could not be held to include a sub-tenant of the lessee residing on the premises. The legislation of England parallel to the section 4 (1) (c) of the Hongkong Ordinance was the "Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Act 1920," of which the local sub-section was an exact reproduction.

In the home act this sub-section was amended in 1923 to read "any person residing or lodging with him or being his sub-tenant." It was therefore a likely inference that, in the opinion of the legislature, the earlier language did not include a sub-tenant.

Not Binding on Sub-Lessee.

The notice to quit in this case did not operate to bind the sub-lessee. One effect of the order asked for, if made, would be that any sub-lessee will then be deemed to become the tenant of the lessor on the same terms as he would have held from the lessor if the lessee's tenancy had continued. The result of this proceeding might well be that the innocent tenant would be ejected while the offending sub-tenant would still remain in lawful possession of his domestic tenement.

It might be rightly argued that this construction of the law would, in our local circumstances, render abortive most attempts by an owner to suppress the illegal use of his property. Nevertheless, it was clear that the legislation in section 4 (1) (c) purported to regulate only the relations of a lessee with an immediate lessee and persons under his control.

He therefore entered judgment for the defendant with costs. He added that had his decision been adverse to the defendant, the case would be one in which the section conferred upon the Court a duty to be exercised in the defendant's favour.

Mr. S. C. Brooks appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the defendant.

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## CHINESE MERCHANTS MEET.

## PROVISION FOR THE CHINESE POPULATION.

An extraordinary meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce took place yesterday afternoon. Mr. Li Yau-tsun (President) occupied the chair, being supported by the vice-Chairman, Mr. J. M. Wong, and Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Secretary. There was a record attendance, nearly two hundred members attending.

The Chairman said the object of the meeting was to request the two Chinese Council members to explain what was being done by the Government for the protection of the community. The present atmosphere was far from conducive to the maintenance of peace of mind, sinister rumours filled the air, and naturally the Chinese desired to know what preparations had been made by the authorities.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, senior member, said that he and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall had had a long talk with His Excellency the Governor on Sunday. His Excellency pointed out the delicate situation and the state of apprehension prevailing among the people. Rumours were afloat that the water and food supply in Hongkong would soon be stopped.

It was against such unfounded rumours that the Government wanted the Chinese to guard themselves. Never had the Government shown unreasonableness towards the Chinese and His Excellency would say that in the matter of protection and other duties the Government had always given satisfaction. The water supply would not be stopped or restricted, unless it was an imperative necessity, and as proof of the Government's sincerity and goodwill His Excellency mentioned the recent restrictions, which were withdrawn as soon as conditions warranted.

## Food Supply.

As regards the food supply, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun said the Government was well prepared. There was no cause for the least alarm. Hongkong had adequate food to meet the full needs of the public. But, plentiful as the food was, arrangements had to be made as regards delivery, as the Government could not undertake the distribution. It was up to the public to make their own arrangements to get their supplies.

As to the electric and ferry services the Government was well prepared for emergency. The services would be maintained as satisfactorily as in the case of the food supply. With the measures taken the Government had the situation well in hand and what remained to be done was for the public to keep their heads and not to lose their composure of mind.

Apologies of the strike the Secretary read two letters from the Pok Choy Guild, a union of transportation workers working between here and Canton. Considerable bitterness was expressed in the letters against the action of agitators in spreading false rumours. The Pok Choy Guild was said to have thrown in its lot with the strikers, whereas in fact its members were at work as usual.

"The Guild has never submitted to dictation by other unions," one letter stated. "What happened is that the strikers at Canton intimidated the wharf coolies so that unloading was impossible. We condemn such action."

The Chairman thanked the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun for his statement, which he hoped would relieve public anxiety to a considerable extent. He hoped all would remain calm. This was the best policy and the most important under present conditions.

There being no discussion the meeting proceeded to deal with other business.

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## THE PARIS COUP.

## CHINESE LEGATION EXPLAINS.

Paris, June 22. The raiders of the Chinese Legation were apparently nearly all workmen, respectfully dressed, and seemingly hailing from all the Provinces in China. The Legation opined that the motives of the raiders were on the patriotic ground that the Chinese diplomats were not taking active enough steps to submit the Chinese demands for their emancipation from foreign control to the Governments to which they were accredited. The members of the Legation deprecate the methods adopted as harmful to the Chinese cause and have emphasised that the raiders in nowise represent the whole of the Chinese colony in Paris, but rather an extremist group affiliated to the extremists in China. The Legation suspects that non-Chinese elements were behind the coup which was evidently carefully planned, and have hinted that it is possible that the hand of Moscow is again working. The French police are inquiring into the matter and interesting revelations are possible.

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